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EDDIE SICKING STUDIES WAR

Young Giant Infielder Called to Colors
—He Was Purchased From San Antonio Club.

Eddie Sicking, the Giants' young infielder who was recently called to the colors by his local board at St. Ber.

Eddie Sicking.

ard, O. is deep in the study of the soldier's trade. Sicking, who was purchased from the San Antonio club in June, saw considerable service with the Giants following the desertion of Walter Holke, playing third base when the team faced left handed pitching, while Heine Zimmerman covered first base.

WILL PLAY GOLF IN FLORIDA

Links Will Be Opened as Usual in January — Reservations Were Made Last Winter.

All doubt about whether the Florida winter resorts, with their golf links, would open or not were dispelled when the management at Boleair, Fla., announced that they would open as usual the first week in January, and remarked that other resorts there, or most of the large ones, would do the same thing. Reservations were made last winter, and advices from Washington have been such as to warrant the management with going ahead with their plans, the same as usual.

Resurrection of Old Roman Port.

Ostia, the harbor of ancient Rome, is once more, by decision of the Italian government, to become a port, and Rome therefore once more a maritime city. To the harbor at Ostia, when Rome was mistress of the world, came the corn from Sicily and Sardinia, which, after Tibet silt and national indifference had left Ostia a dead port, was stored at Portus, the rival harbor, which also afterward fell into desuetude. It was the seizure of Rome's granary which enabled Alaric to impose his will on the Eternal city. Ostia began its existence in 640 B. C., and she seems about to add another chapter to her history.

American Flyers.

This from Gen. William L. Kenly, United States director of military aeronautics: "There is no higher type of the aviator in the world than the American. The courage and the ability of the American flyer have won full recognition, and we may expect him to play a more and more prominent part in the war as it continues, because, after four years of fighting, the man power resources of our allies have been largely drawn on."

How He Found War.

Willis—This morning you told me you had just returned from the war, and this afternoon I heard you admit that you had never smelled powder. Gillis—That's right. I fought the Germans. All we ever smelled was chlorine gas, fluorine fumes and poison spray.—Town Topics.

TRUSTEE ELECTED FOR ORAN ESTATE

J. D. Bowman Elected by creditors of the Bankrupt estate of the J. H. Ahrens

A creditors meeting of the bankrupt estate of Julius H. Ahrens, deceased merchant of Oran, was held at the office of U. S. Referee in Bankruptcy, O. A. Knechans, Monday.

Mr. Ahrens had one of the biggest stores in Oran and was doing a large business. Too much credit to customers is said to have been the cause of failure. Mr. Ahrens died in a St. Louis hospital last week, shortly after bankruptcy proceedings were instituted. The liabilities of the estate are approximately \$40,000, while the assets are as follows: A stock of merchandise invoicing \$20,482.21; two automobiles, \$900; store fixtures \$3603.08; open accounts for \$12,163.84, which were appraised at \$4,038.66.

J. D. Bowman of Oran, candidate for collector on the Democratic ticket in Scott county, was elected trustee for the estate at the meeting Monday. Attorneys Joseph Kane, H. Sanders and J. C. Roberson of St. Louis, Ray Lucas of Benton and R. L. Ward of Caruthersville, attended the creditors Monday on behalf of various creditors of the estate.

The Horrors of War.

Mrs. Giddy—Those boys crying their extras are very annoying, don't you think so?

Mrs. Nabor—Yes, indeed; there ought to be an ordinance to prevent their talking together. One is unable to hear what the extra is about because one chap drowns the other out after you've caught a couple of words.

Usually What He's Up To.

"Whenever I see the proprietor of a restaurant advancing toward me with a fountain pen in his hand I fear the worst."

"Fear the worst?"
"Yes. The chances are that he's going to mark up a few more prices on the menu card before I can order my dinner."

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name of the owner of such show, so as to designate upon whose undivided share the tax has been paid.

Section 10. Delinquent Tax Lien. Upon the first day of January of each year all unpaid taxes shall become delinquent, and the taxes upon real property are hereby made a perpetual lien thereon against all persons in favor of the city. The enforcement of all taxes levied shall be made in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as are, or may be, provided by law for the collection and enforcement of the payment of state and county taxes, including the seizure and sale of goods and chattels, both before and after said taxes shall become delinquent, provided that all suits from the collection of the city taxes shall be brought in the name of the state at the relation and to the use of the city clerk.

Section 11. Delinquent Lists; Annual Settlement. It shall be the duty of the council to require the city clerk annually, on the first meeting of the council in each month of April of each year, or as soon as thereafter as may be, to make out, under oath, lists of delinquent taxes remaining due and uncollected for each year, to be known as the "Land and Lot Delinquent List." It shall be the duty of the council at the meeting at which said delinquent list shall be returned, or as soon as may be thereafter, to carefully examine the same, and if it should appear that all property and taxes contained in said lists are properly returned as delinquent, the council shall approve the same, and cause a record thereof to be entered on the journal, and cause the amount thereof to be entered in the journal, and cause the amount thereof to be credited to the account of the city clerk. Before allowing the city clerk such credit for any delinquent list, the city council shall make special inquiry and be fully satisfied that he has used due diligence to collect the sums, and that he could not find any personal property of the tax payer out on which to make the taxes. If the council is satisfied that there are names on the list of persons who have personal property out of which the taxes could have been paid, it shall in passing upon such list strike such names therefrom. The city council shall cause the "Land and Lot Delinquent List" and the "Personal Delinquent List" to be returned to the city clerk, who shall be charged therewith, and who shall proceed to collect the same in the same manner and under the same regulations as are or may be provided by the law for collection of delinquent lists of real and personal taxes for state and county purposes; provided, that all suits for the collection of city taxes shall be brought in the name of the state, at the relation and to the use of the city clerk.

Section 12. Duty of City Clerk After Delinquency. If the tax payer shall fail or neglect to pay the City Clerk his taxes on or before the first day of January of each year, then it shall be the duty of the city clerk after the first day of January after the year in which the taxes have become due to collect and account for as other taxes an additional tax, as penalty, of one per cent per month upon all taxes collected by him after the said first day of January; a fractional part of a month. The city clerk shall, in his annual settlement with the city council, file with such settlement a statement, under oath, of the amount so received and settle with the council therefor.

Section 13. Delinquent List to be Made Into Back Tax Book. Within thirty days after the annual settlement of the city clerk in each year, he shall make in a book to be called the "Back Tax Book," a correct list in alphabetical order of all lots or parcels of land on which back taxes shall be due in the city, setting forth opposite each lot the name of the owner, if known, and if the owner thereof is not known, then to whom same was last assessed, the description thereof, the year or years for which such lot or parcel is delinquent or forfeited and the amount of the original tax due each fund on said real estate, and the interest due on the whole of said tax at the time of making said tax book, together with ten cent 10c, clerk's fee for each lot or parcel entered, in appropriate columns arranged therefore, and the aggregate amount of taxes, interest and clerk's fees charged against each lot or parcel for all the years for which the same is delinquent or forfeited. All taxes, interest and clerk's fees contained in the back tax book herein described shall be at interest at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum counted on a whole month.

Section 14. Suits to be Brought to

Collect Delinquent Land Tax. When, if any tax or any tow lot or land described in the back tax book of the city is main unpaid, it shall be the duty of the city clerk to proceed to enforce the payment of the taxes charged against such tract or town lot by suit in the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas, which suit shall be brought by the city attorney, or city counsellor, if there be one and in every suit brought there shall be taxed as attorney's fee a sum not exceeding ten (10) per cent of the amount of such service, except such per cent of the taxes actually collected and paid into the city treasury. It shall be the duty of the city clerk when suit shall have been commenced against any tract of land or town lot described in said back tax book to set opposite said tract of land such said fact, and the date, also the names of the person or persons against whom suit has been commenced, but no suit shall be brought until the taxes have been delinquent for one year.

In suits for the collection of delinquent and back taxes they shall be as costs and collected from the party paying the same for the services of the city clerk in making the back tax book, ten cents (10) per lot or tract of land, and in addition for the clerk services of the city clerk, two per cent (2 per cent.) of the amount of the tax, which fees shall be paid into the city treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

Section 15. Penalty For Neglect in Performance of Duties. For any willful neglect or misconduct on the part of the city clerk to perform or in the performance of any duty required of him under the provisions of this or any other ordinance of the city, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in a sum not less than ten (10) dollars nor exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100).

Section 16. Vacancy Provided For. In case of death or resignation or removal or other disability of the city clerk, the Mayor shall forthwith call a meeting of the council for the purpose of filling the vacancy. The appointee shall immediately upon qualifying enter upon his duties and shall enter into a bond as required in Section 3; provided if said vacancy be only temporary, the city clerk may with the approval of his sureties, or the bond company, select some suitable person to fill such temporary vacancy; provided further that the bond of the city clerk protect the interest of the city during the time the clerk is attending to his duties.

Section 17. Term City Clerk to Include What. Under this ordinance the term "City Clerk" shall be construed to include the term "collector" or "collector of revenue" and wherever these words are used in the ordinances of the city or the laws of the state, with reference to the collection of revenue or the performance of any duty on the part of an officer of a city of the third class, with respect to taxes and not otherwise provided for, they shall be taken to refer to and mean the city clerk.

Section 18. Conflicting Ordinance Repealed. Ordinance No. 1083 and Commission Form Ordinances No. 14 and 15, and all ordinances, and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 19. To Take Effect When. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after July 1, A. D., 1918.

Passed this 28th day of June 1918.
H. H. HAAS, Mayor.
Attest: A. P. Behrens, City Clerk.

SMALL ISLAND ALL AMERICAN

One of Uncle Samuel's Most Valued Possessions is Little Scrap of Land in the Pacific Ocean.

Midway, a tiny scrap of an island in the Pacific, is one of Uncle Sam's most cherished possessions. It is one of the most valuable bits of sand and rock in the world. The little island, a relay station for the Pacific cable, is a link in the chain binding Asia to the western world, the Philippines to the United States. A message sent to Peking or Manila from San Francisco must pass through Midway before it reaches its destination. The island listens to the gossip of two continents.

Once the most desolate and forsaken atoll in the two oceans, Midway today promises to rival Hawaii as the paradise of the Pacific, a paradise created by man. A tiny paradise, to be sure, but the island has never been able to boast of a population of more than forty at one time, and nearly half of them were only visiting. A superintendent with the imposing title of Guardian of the Island, his family, a doctor with a very small practice, an engineer or two and the servants are the sole inhabitants.

The island today is a triumph of engineering skill. It was necessary that the stations of the cable be under the American flag. The second link in the chain could only be Midway, so the nameless, pear-shaped heap of sand in the Pacific was transformed into a blooming bit of land with flowers, vegetables and even diminutive trees. The American flag was raised over the government house, an American colony was transplanted to the new island and Midway stepped into prominence at once.

Midway is just half way around the world from London, almost directly over the 180th meridian. When it is midnight in England, the noon sun is shining on the smallest single bit of American soil in the world.

Trenches Not So Bad!

He was a small boy, about six years old, and like most youngsters of his age, was more or less opposed to having his face washed any oftener than was necessary. During the course of one of these operations he looked at his father and asked:

"Do the soldiers in the trenches get vacations?"

"Not while they are fighting," answered the father.

"I guess they don't have time for vacations," mused the boy, "I'll bet they don't even have time to wash their hands and face."

"I suppose that is right," replied the father, after which there was a long pause, during which the washing operations were continued.

At last the tiresome task was completed. The boy heaved a sigh of relief, and as he left the bathroom his father heard him say, "Gee, I wish I was a soldier fighting in the trenches."

Not for Publication.

Here is one story that H. E. Barnard, the state food administrator, should not overlook. Ed Lane, one of the prominent citizens of Colfax, Clinton county, became worried several nights ago because he couldn't sleep, and thinking that perhaps a salt water bath might restore his restless slumbers, he got up and proceeded to experiment with his theory. The next day his clothing stuck so tight to his body that he had to have assistance from his wife to get it off, and when she inquired as to the reason, he informed her that he had taken a salt-water bath the night before. But Mrs. Lane then realized where her sugar had gone, and she proved to her husband that he had got the granulated sugar instead of the salt. The result was painful, but Lane doesn't think that it will do to have Mr. Hoover or Mr. Barnard find out he took his bath in sugar water.—Indianapolis News.

Safety Belts.

On the question of safety belts Dr. Graeme Anderson gives it as his opinion that before leaving the ground all aviators should see that their safety

belts are fastened and should be familiar with the method of their quick release; the belt should never be undone in the air.

In 17 crashes on tractor machines with 17 injured the belt held on seven occasions and gave way on ten of the 42 crashes in which the pilot escaped the belt held in 23 instances and gave way in 14.

Dr. Graeme Anderson advocates the wearing of safety helmets by all pupils, but emphasizes that they should be well fitting and not be easily dislodged from the head while flying.

Flying Experience.

Lieut. Col. G. V. S. Quackenbush, commanding officer at Kelly field, labored for years to cure himself of pulling his drives in golf. He spent hours in practice; he hired professional instructors; he tried everything but hypnosis. One day in the course of a flying lesson he rubbed a blister on the middle finger of his right hand. That afternoon on the links he had to change his grip, and now he could hardly pull if he wanted to.—New York World.

VALVES MUST BE ADJUSTED RIGHT

Engine Will Not Run Correctly if They Are Not Given Proper Attention.

LIFTERS OFTEN NEGLECTED

When Motor Loses Power Trouble is Usually Laid to Carburetor or Faulty Ignition—Wise Plan to Examine and Reset.

Proper adjustment of valve lifters is vital to the car if it is to give maximum efficiency. If they are not properly adjusted the best engine in the world will lose power. Because they are not right out in plain sight the valve lifters are many times neglected until they force themselves to the owner's attention.

Ordinarily when the motor loses power the fact is attributed either to the carburetor or to faulty ignition and many times it is hard to convince the owner that it is valve lifters which are accountable for his inability to climb hills and obtain the speed on the level to which he is accustomed.

Examine and Reset.

They become noisy, due to the fact that the distance between the lift and the cam becomes too wide. By stopping the motor, removing the valve plates and shaking them up and down one may locate the ones out of adjustment. Sometimes more than one is at fault and it is a good policy to examine and reset all while about it. Examine the adjustment carefully to understand it, for much damage may be caused by turning the wrong nut. One is the locking nut which must be loosened first. The adjusting nut is then set to the right distance and the locking nut again set up.

The opening should approximate 1-64 of an inch for exhaust, and 3-1,000 inch for intake valves. An ordinary business card is a good gauge for the exhaust valve, while a piece of note paper will serve for the inlet.

Clearance Too Great.

If the valve clearance becomes too great the valves open late and close early. Since they should move exactly as the designer intended, it is evident that the engine will lose power if both ends are cut off. If the clearance is not enough the engine will lose compression and with it a great deal of power. This is due to the fact that as the engine heats up the valve stem lengthens. As they grow longer they use up the space between the valve stem and the valve lifter. If the space is too small the valve stem rests on the valve lifter. As it lengthens the head of the valve is lifted off its seat in the cylinder, opening the valve and so losing compression.

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